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Bulgarian Party and Government Delegation Headed by Comrade Todor Zhivkov Pays Official Friendship Visit to DPRK

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung warmly shakes hands with Comrade Todor Zhivkov

A Party and government delegation of the Bulgarian People's Republic led by Comrade Todor Zhivkov, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party and President of the State Council of the Bulgarian People's Republic, paid an official friendship visit to our country at the invitation of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The delegation headed by Comrade Todor Zhivkov consisted of Comrade Pencho Kubadinski, Member of the Political Bureau of the CC of the BCP and Vice-Chairman of the Council of Ministers; Comrade Peter Mladenov, Member of the CC of the BCP and Foreign Minister; Colonel General Atanas Semerdzhiyev, Member of the CC of the BCP, First Vice-Minister of People's Defence and Chief of the General Staff of the Bulgarian People's Army; Comrade Pantelei Zarev, Member of the CC of the BCP and Chairman of the Bulgarian Writers' Union; Comrade Milko Balev, Member of the CC of the BCP and Director of the First Secretariat of the Party Central Committee; Yancho Georgiyev, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the BPR to our country; and suite.

Arrival in Pyongyang

The Party and government delegation of the BPR arrived in Pyongyang by special plane on October 24.

The guests were met by the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and cadres of the Party and the government.

Put up in place of honour in the airport crowded with people were a portrait of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the CC of the WPK and President of the DPRK, and a portrait of Comrade Todor Zhivkov, First Secretary of the CC of the BCP and President of the State Council of the BPR.

Floating high in the azure sky were big balloons with national flags of Korea and Bulgaria and streamers bearing the words "Long Live the Workers' Party of Korea!" and "Long Live the Bulgarian Communist Party!"

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and our people, came to the airport before the arrival of the guests.

Present at the airport were General O Jin U, Member of the Political Committee of the CC of the WPK and Chief of the General Staff of the Korean People's Army; Comrade Kim Dong Gyu, Member of the Political Committee, and Secretary of the CC of the WPK; Comrade Li Gun Mo, Member of the Political Committee of the CC of the WPK and Vice-Premier of the Administration Council; Comrade Choe Jae U, Alternate Member of the Political Committee of the CC of the WPK and Vice-Premier of the Administration Council; Comrade Ho Dam, Member of the CC of the WPK, Vice-Premier of the Administration Council and Foreign Minister; Hwang Jang Yop, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly; Department Directors of the CC of the WPK, Ministers of the Administration Council and other cadres of the Party and government and working people's organizations, generals of the Korean People's Army; Li Jong Hwan, DPRK Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the BPR; and leading functionaries in the fields of science, education, culture, art and the press. Also on hand were diplomatic envoys of foreign countries in Pyongyang.

As the plane touched down, the crowd burst into cheers and enthusiastically welcomed the friendship mission of the fraternal Bulgarian people.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung greeted Comrade Todor Zhivkov with a warm handshaking.

Comrade Todor Zhivkov and his party, shook hands with our cadres and diplomatic envoys in Pyongyang.

Little girls presented the guests with bunches of fragrant flowers of friendship.

A grand ceremony welcoming the delegation was held at the airport.

The band struck up the national anthem of Bulgaria and the Patriotic Song of our country and a 21-gun salute was fired. Accompanied by the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, Comrade Todor Zhivkov reviewed a guard of honour of the three services of the Korean People's Army.

After the welcome ceremony, Comrade Todor Zhivkov, accompanied by the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, waved to the enthusiastically cheering crowd, passing in front of them and headed for the city by car.

That day the streets of Pyongyang, the capital of revolution, were in a festive mood.

Hundreds of thousands of working people in Pyongyang enthusiastically welcomed the delegation along 6-kilometre route.

Courtesy Call

Comrade Todor Zhivkov paid a courtesy call on the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung on the afternoon of the 24th.

Present on the occasion were the members of the Party and government delegation of the BPR.

Also present there were cadres of the Party and the government of our country.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung had a comradely and friendly talk with Comrade Todor Zhivkov.

Wreaths Laid

On the afternoon of the same day, the delegation laid wreaths before the Monument to the Fallen Fighters of the People's Army, the Liberation Obelisk and the Friendship Tower and observed a moment's silence.

Welcome Banquet

On the evening of the 24th the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung arranged a grand banquet at the Mansudae Assembly Hall in honour of the Party and government delegation of the BPR headed by Comrade Todor Zhivkov.

Comrade Todor Zhivkov and members of the delegation and its suite were invited to the banquet. Attending the banquet were cadres of our Party and government.

At the banquet the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and Comrade Todor Zhivkov made speeches.

The banquet proceeded in an atmosphere overflowing with the feeling of friendship.

An art performance was given by Pyongyang artists.

Return Call

On the 25th the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung paid a return call on Comrade Todor Zhivkov.

Present on the occasion were cadres of our Party and government.

Also on hand were the members of the BPR Party and government delegation.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung had a comradely and friendly conversation with Comrade Todor Zhivkov.

Talks Held

Talks were held in Pyongyang between the Party and government delegation of our country and the Party and government delegation of the BPR on October 24 and 25.

At the talks the two sides informed each other of the socialist construction in the two countries and exchanged views on the question of further developing relations of friendship and cooperation between the two Parties and the two countries and on a number of international problems of common concern.

The talks proceeded in a comradely and friendly atmosphere.

Pyongyang Mass Meeting

On the 28th a grand Pyongyang mass meeting was held at the Pyongyang Gymnasium in welcome of the delegation.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and our people, attended the meeting.

Put in place of honour on the platform were portraits of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and Comrade Todor Zhivkov.

And hanging on both sides were the national flags of our country and Bulgaria.

When the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung appeared on the platform together with Todor Zhivkov, all the attendants of the meeting welcomed them with the resounding cheers of *manse* and thunderous applause.

The members of the Party and government delegation of the BPR and its suite and cadres of the Party and government of our country also mounted the platform.

Little children rushed to the platform and presented bunches of fragrant flowers to the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and Comrade Todor Zhivkov and other Bulgarian guests.

The meeting began with the playing of the national anthem of Bulgaria and the Patriotic Song of our country.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the CC of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the DPRK, made the welcome speech.

When the leader concluded his speech, all the attendants of the meeting rose to their feet and warmly supported and welcomed his speech with thunderous applause.

As soon as the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung returned to his seat, Comrade Todor Zhivkov warmly shook hands with him.

Then Comrade Kang Song San, Alternate Member of the Political Committee of the CC of the Workers' Party of Korea and Chief Secretary of the Pyongyang City Party Committee, handed a silk banner in the name of the meeting to Comrade Todor Zhivkov, head of the BPR Party and government delegation.

Amid the warm welcome of the masses, head of the delegation Comrade Todor Zhivkov, First Secretary of the CC of the Bulgarian Communist Party and President of the State Council of the Bulgarian People's Republic, spoke next.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung warmly shook hands with Comrade Todor Zhivkov when the latter came back to his seat after the speech.

Orders Awarded

According to a decree of the Central People's Committee of the DPRK, orders and medals of the DPRK were awarded to the members of the Party and government delegation of the BPR.

The awarding ceremony was held in Pyongyang on the 28th.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung attended there.

At the ceremony the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung awarded Order of National Flag First Class of the DPRK to Comrade Todor Zhivkov and Order of Labour and Order of National Flag Second Class to members of the delegation.

The suite members were also awarded orders and medals.

The Respected and Beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung Receives Highest Order of BPR

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung received Order of "Georgi Dimitrov", the highest order of the BPR.

At the awarding ceremony held in Pyongyang on the 28th, Comrade Todor Zhivkov conferred Order of "Georgi Dimitrov" and Medal to Memory of 90th Anniversary of Birth of Georgi Dimitrov on the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

On the same day cadres of our Party and government were awarded Orders First Class, Second Class and Third Class of the BPR. And other cadres concerned were also awarded Orders of September 9, 1944 of the BPR.

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The Respected and Beloved Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG

Receives Gambia Government Delegation

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, received on October 29 the government delegation of the Republic of Gambia.

Present on the occasion were head of the delegation A.D. Camara, Vice-President and Foreign Minister of the Republic of Gambia, and members of the delegation Eric C. Christensen, General Secretary of the Presidential Office and Permanent Secretary of the Foreign Ministry, and Harry Lloyd Evans, Superintendent-General of Police.

On hand were Comrade Chong Jun Gi, Vice-Premier of the Administration Council, and Comrade Ho Dam, Vice-Premier of the Administration Council and Foreign Minister.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung had a conversation with the guests in a cordial and friendly atmosphere.

Gambia Government Delegation Visits Korea

A government delegation of the Republic of Gambia paid a friendship visit to our country from October 22 to 30 at the invitation of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The delegation headed by A.D. Camara, Vice-President and Foreign Minister of the Republic of Gambia, consisted of Eric C. Christensen, General Secretary of the Presidential Office and Permanent Secretary of the Foreign Ministry, and Harry Lloyd Evans, Superintendent-General of Police. The delegation arrived in Pyongyang on October 22 by special plane and was greeted at the airport by Comrade Chong Jun Gi, Vice-Premier of the Administration Council of the DPRK; Comrade Ho Dam, Vice-Premier of the Administration Council and Foreign Minister; and other leading cadres and personages concerned. That day the Administration Council arranged a banquet in honour of the Gambia guests.

A talk was held on October 23 between the government delegations of the two countries.

At the talk views were exchanged on the problems of further strengthening and developing the relations of friendship and cooperation between the two countries and of common concern. The talk proceeded in a friendly atmosphere.

A mass meeting was held on the afternoon of October 29 in the Mansudae Assembly Hall in honour of the government delegation of the Republic of Gambia.

Put in place of honour on the platform of the meeting hall were a portrait of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader of our people, and a portrait of President Dauda Kairaba Jawara of the Republic of Gambia. Hung on both sides were the national flags of our country and the Republic of Gambia, symbolizing the friendship and solidarity between the peoples of the two countries.

Invited to the meeting were the members of the government delegation of the Republic of Gambia headed by A.D. Camara, Vice-President and Foreign Minister of the Republic of Gambia. The meeting hall was packed with the working people and men of the People's Army in the city.

The leading cadres of our government attended the meeting.

Kang Hui Won, Chairman of Pyongyang City Administrative Committee, and A.D. Camara, head of the delegation, made speeches at the meeting. The meeting showed a firm stand of the peoples of the two countries to further expand and develop in all fields the relations of friendship and cooperation established between the peoples of Korea and Gambia.

During their stay in Korea the Gambia guests visited historic Mangyongdae, the spiritual birthplace of the Korean people, the Central Industrial and Agricultural Exhibition, factories and other enterprises, educational and cultural institutions in Pyongyang and South Hamgyong Province. They also visited Panmunjom. The delegation received the warm welcome of our people everywhere it went.

It saw the revolutionary opera "The Song of Kumgang-san Mountain" and the mass display "South Pyongan Province Flowering under Blessed Sunrays".

The delegation left Pyongyang by plane on October 30 amidst the warm farewell of the leading cadres of our government and personages concerned and the working people.

TELEGRAMS

✦ Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and Comrade **Kim Il**, Premier of the DPRK Administration Council, received a message from Comrade **Todor Zhivkov**, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party and President of the State Council of the Bulgarian People's Republic, and Comrade **Stanko Todorov**, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the BPR, in reply to their message of greetings sent on the occasion of the 29th anniversary of the socialist revolution in Bulgaria.

✦ Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, received a message of thanks from **Mohammed Anwar El Sadat**, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, in reply to his message sent to the latter expressing full support to and militant solidarity with the Egyptian and Syrian peoples in their battle against the armed invasion of Israel.

✦ Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, received a message from **Olof Palme**, Premier of the Kingdom of Sweden, replying to his message of condolence sent to the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden in connection with the death of His Majesty Gustaf VI Adolf.

✦ Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, sent a message of greetings to **Mohammed Siad Barre**, President of the Supreme Revolutionary Council of the Somali Democratic Republic, on the occasion of the 4th anniversary of the victory of the October 21 Revolution of Somalia; a message to **Kenneth David Kaunda**, President of the Republic of Zambia, greeting the 9th anniversary of the independence of the Republic of Zambia; a message to **Mathieu Kerekou**, President of the Republic of Dahomey, greeting the first anniversary of the victory of the Dahomey Revolution.

✦ Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, sent a message to Emperor **Mohammad-Reza Pahlavi**, Shahanshah of Iran, greeting the latter's birthday and the national day of Iran.

✦ Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, General Secretary of the CC of the WPK and President of the DPRK, received messages of greetings, on the occasion of the 28th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea, from: **Ahmed Sekou Toure**, President of the Republic of Guinea; **Salem Ruba Ali**, Chairman of the Presidential Council of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen; **Moktar Ould Daddah**, General Secretary of the

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Working people of Pyongyang, the capital of revolution, enthusiastically welcome the Party and government delegation of the Bulgarian People's Republic

We Strongly Hold That the Socialist Countries, the Newly Independent States in the Three Continents and All the Peace-Loving Countries of the World Should Unite and Wage an Energetic Struggle against Imperialism

Speech of Comrade KIM IL SUNG

at Pyongyang Mass Meeting

Esteemed Comrade Todor Zhivkov,
Esteemed guests from Bulgaria,
Dear comrades and friends,

Today we people of all walks of life in Pyongyang have gathered here with a great joy to meet the goodwill envoys of the fraternal Bulgarian people.

First of all, on behalf of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Korean people, I once again warmly welcome the Party and Government delegation of the Bulgarian People's Republic led by Comrade Todor Zhivkov, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party, President of the State Council of the Bulgarian People's Republic and our intimate friend.

I also extend the warm greetings of fraternal friendship from the Korean people, through you, to the Bulgarian people.

The current visit of the Party and Government delegation of the Bulgarian People's Republic to our country constitutes a great encouragement to our people fighting for the building of socialism and the independent and peaceful reunification of the country and an event of epochal significance in further developing the friendship and cooperation between our two Parties, two countries and two peoples.

We are satisfied that the fraternal friendship between our two peoples based on the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism is consolidating and developing as the days go by.

We are very happy to know through our meeting with you that socialist construction is going on successfully in Bulgaria.

During World War II the Bulgarian Communists and patriotic people, under the guidance of Comrade Georgi Dimitrov, a prominent figure of the international working-class movement and a staunch anti-fascist fighter, waged a brave struggle, arms in hand, against the Hitler fascist clique and the domestic fascist monarchism.

The Bulgarian people, who became the masters of the country after the victory of the socialist revolution in Bulgaria, have turned their once backward country into a prosperous socialist state with a developed industry and a mechanized agriculture under the leadership of the Bulgarian Communist Party, displaying patriotic devotion and creative activity.

Today the Bulgarian people are continuously achieving many successes in the struggle to implement the programme set forth by the Tenth Congress of the Bulgarian Communist Party on building an advanced socialist society.

The Korean people sincerely wish the fraternal Bulgarian people greater victory in their future struggle to create a new life.

At the same time, our people regard it as their internationalist duty to support the endeavours being made by the Bulgarian Communist Party, Government and people against the imperialist policy of aggression and war and for peace and security in Europe and good-neighbour relations among the Balkan states.

Convinced that the successful carrying out of revolution and construction in each socialist country is precisely the way of making practical contribution to the revolutionary cause of the international working class, we have energetically pushed forward the socialist revolution and building of socialism in our country.

Under the leadership of our Party our people have turned their country into an advanced socialist state with modern industry and agriculture and brilliantly efflorescing science and culture in a short space of time, while smashing the ceaseless aggression and war manoeuvres of U.S. imperialism and its lackeys.

Upholding the magnificent programme set forth by the Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, our people are now waging a tenacious struggle to hasten the complete victory of socialism and the independent and peaceful reunification of the country, accelerating the revolutionization and working-classization of the whole society with definite priority to the ideological revolution.

The common experiences gained by the two peoples of Korea and Bulgaria who have been traversing the road of building a new society since World War II vividly show that the road of socialism is the only way to ensure genuine freedom and happiness to the working people.

The successes attained in the building of socialism in the northern half of the Republic thanks to the original policies of our Party, creative applications of Marxism-Leninism to the realities of our country, and thanks to the devoted struggle of our people, instill great hope and pride in the south Korean people and provide a firm political foundation for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

Last year the North-South Joint Statement was made public and dialogue materialized between the north and the south thanks to the consistent efforts made by our Party and the Government of the Republic for the peaceful reunification of the country.

But the policy of U.S. imperialism and its stooges to split our nation has now driven our people into a grave situation which confronts them with the alternative—the reunification of the nation or its division for ever.

Out of our sincere desire to satisfy the long-cherished aspiration of the entire nation for peaceful national reunification, we advanced a new, five-point programme of national reunification on June 23 last. However, the south Korean authorities turned it down and, at last, together with the U.S. and Japanese reactionaries, brought up before the United Nations a proposal for simultaneous entry into the U.N. by two Koreas.

The proposal to enter the U.N. as two Koreas runs diametrically counter to the July 4 North-South Joint Statement in which they agreed to achieve reunification independently without reliance upon outside forces, in a peaceful way and on the principle of great national unity; it is aimed to divide Korea into two Koreas completely.

It is simply unthinkable that our nation, which has lived as a single nation in one and the same peninsula through a long history, should be divided into two in our time.

Today who, if ever a Korean, will hope to see his country divided?

If there is any force demanding division among the Koreans, it is none other than the handful of south Korean comprador capitalists who are servants of foreign monopoly capital, and political stooges of U.S. imperialism and Japanese militarism.

To seek the division of the country is a deadly crime of treachery which can never be pardoned through all eternity; it is a traitorous conduct which leads our nation again to ruin.

The traitorous force of south Korea is trying to gratify its lust for power and enjoy personal wealth and honour in return for dividing the country and the nation and selling them off to the foreign aggressors.

The foreign forces of aggression seeking the division of Korea are trying to use such traitors and hirelings to take hold of south Korea.

This is a plot to reduce south Korea to a colony and military base of U.S. imperialism for ever and to a commodity market for Japanese militarism.

Originally, it is a principal method of aggression of modern colonialism to interfere in the internal affairs of other countries, form factions and encourage division, and hatch plots for subversion.

For nearly 30 years since the first days of the artificial division of our country owing to the occupation of south Korea by U.S. imperialism, our people have been invariably waging a tireless struggle for reunification.

The present situation urgently demands that we should further intensify the struggle against the splittists at home and abroad—the traitors and the foreign forces of aggression—in order to accelerate peaceful reunification.

These days the patriotic students, youth and people in south Korea have risen afresh in the struggle against the present military fascist regime and for the democratization of society and the independent reunification of the country.

The students of Seoul University, who turned out in a demonstration struggle, shouting "Down with the Pak regime," stated in their declaration: "Unable to remain an onlooker any longer to the lamentable reality in which the right to existence of the entire people is threatened, we have risen determinedly today according to the dictates of our conscience".

This clearly shows that the south Korean people will never tolerate the military fascist rule and traitorous, country-selling acts of the present rulers.

Our Party and the Government of the Republic will always render active support and encouragement to the just struggle of the south Korean people, and will adhere to the stand of sharing with them all the responsibility for their struggle since it is directly related to the vital interests of the whole nation.

The struggle against the two Koreas plot and for the peaceful reunification of the country is also being waged vigorously by the 600,000 Korean citizens in Japan and all other Korean nationals abroad.

How can any Korean with national conscience just sit inertly with folded arms today when the nation is in danger of being split into two for ever?

We once again solemnly appeal to all those concerned about the future destiny of the fatherland and the nation to turn out as one in the sacred patriotic struggle to prevent the perpetual division of the country, whether they are in the north or the south, at home or abroad, irrespective of political views, religious beliefs, and affiliations to any parties or groupings.

There cannot be more sacred duty for us Communists than to fight against imperialism for a correct settlement of our national affairs.

When we advocate reunifying the country in a peaceful way, we aim, in the final analysis, to prevent south Korea from going into the mouths of the tigers—U.S. and Japanese imperialism.

Our struggle is a just struggle.

We can achieve peaceful reunification only through struggle; we can make no compromise whatsoever with the splittists.

We are convinced that our struggle to achieve the independent and peaceful reunification of the country will receive greater support and encouragement from all the peace-loving peoples of the world.

First of all, the socialist countries and all the peoples in the third world who love justice and fight for complete national liberation should deal determined blows at the splittists trying to divide Korea for good and resolutely oppose the inhuman repression and massacre of the patriots, democratic figures and people in south Korea by the present south Korean military fascist regime which is hated and rejected by the entire Korean people.

The Fourth Summit Conference of Non-Aligned States held sometime ago adopted with unanimous approval a resolution demanding the dissolution of the "United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea" and the withdrawal of the foreign troops under the cloak of the "U.N. forces" from south Korea, opposing the simultaneous entry into the U.N. by two Koreas and fully supporting our policy of independent and peaceful reunification.

Being a correct reflection of the trend of the present times against imperialist aggression and intervention and towards independence, this was a great support and inspiration to our people's cause of national reunification.

In conformity with the unanimous desire of the Korean people and the world people and the demands of the times, this year's session of the U.N. General Assembly should reject the proposal for simultaneous entry into the U.N. by two Koreas and take measures to dissolve the "United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea" and strip the U.S. army troops in south Korea of the "U.N. forces" helmets and make them withdraw.

It is high time, we consider, that the United Nations should no longer obstruct the reunification of Korea as a tool of the U.S. and should adopt new resolutions giving genuine help to the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea, instead of the old "resolutions."

The Korean people will creditably settle the question of national reunification in a peaceful way on the principle of national self-determination, once all external factors hampering reunification are eliminated.

Comrades and friends,

In the field of international relations, too, all the revolutionary forces of the world should firmly unite and continue to wage a stubborn struggle against imperialism if they are to win the victory of the common cause of peace and democracy, national independence and socialism.

Now there is a growing opinion in the international scene that the present time is a time of switching over from cold war to detente, from confrontation to peaceful co-existence and cooperation.

Our Party and the Government of the Republic consider it natural that this trend of the times towards peace and peaceful cooperation should grow every day under the present circumstances in which the forces of socialism and national liberation are growing in scope and strength and imperialism is weakening and ruining with each passing day; and sincerely hope that the Leninist principle of peaceful co-existence will win.

But durable peace and security of the world are unthinkable apart from the resolute struggle against imperialism.

The aggressive nature of imperialism will never change.

The more difficult their position becomes, the more stubbornly the imperialists are clinging to double-dealing tactics—holding an olive branch in one hand and brandishing a bayonet in the other, and the more cunningly they are perpetrating acts of aggression, intervention and subversion under the signboard of "peace" in every nook and corner of the world.

Recently, too, the United States engineered a fascist military coup d'etat in Chile—murdering President Allende and overturning the legitimate Popular Unity Government.

It also egged on the Israeli aggressors to ignite another war of aggression against Egypt and Syria.

It was also the United States which started the aggressive wars in Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia in the past.

The mastermind fanning the colonial wars in many African countries including Angola, Mozambique, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Azania, etc., is also none other than the U.S. imperialists.

The people are for peace; but the imperialists occupy themselves always with aggression, subversion and war.

Today in Korea, we advocate peaceful reunification; but the United States made its stooge scrap the July 4 Joint Statement right after signing it, regarding it merely as a sheet of paper, and is openly heading for the fabrication of two Koreas.

We have proposed to stop arms reinforcement and arms race, cut down the armed forces and conclude a peace agreement, but the south Korean authorities are stepping up war preparations, branding our proposal as a lie.

Prattling that the dialogue should be backed up by the armed forces, they are frenziedly boosting their military strength. They are talking about two Koreas today, but who can guarantee that they will not let fly an arrow against our Republic tomorrow?

Therefore, we consider that one should not evade struggle against imperialism and take to capitulationism for the reason of preserving peace and should not try to obtain security through unprincipled compromise with imperialism.

Peace must be won only through a resolute struggle against the imperialists.

One should not be fooled by the false peace prattled by the imperialists but always keep a high degree of vigilance against their acts of aggression and war, and bring pressure to bear upon them, thereby compelling them to come out to the road of peace.

And peaceful solutions can be found to the problems of each country only when it is ensured that they are settled according to the will and interests of the people of that country under all circumstances.

We believe that the Arab question should also be settled in the interests of the liberation struggle of the Arab peoples.

If the present ceasefire in the Middle East has been achieved at the request of the Arab peoples, we will support it, and if the Arab peoples oppose it, we will also do so.

From this point of view, we were the first to support the Egyptian and Syrian peoples when they rose up in the just war against the Israeli aggressors; and in the future, too, we will unsparingly give active support and encouragement to the Arab peoples so long as they continue their struggle against imperialist aggression.

We hold that the Indochinese problems including the Cambodian question should also be solved in conformity with the interests of the peoples of those countries.

It is important to cement the unity and cohesion of the socialist countries in order to strengthen the world anti-imperialist forces.

When they advance as a united force, the socialist countries can exert greater influence upon the development of the world revolution and successfully carry out the struggle against imperialism and for preserving and consolidating peace as well.

Our Party holds fast to our principle based on independence in the struggle to achieve the unity and cohesion of the socialist countries.

We maintain that the socialist countries should attain unity on the basis of opposing imperialism, supporting the national-liberation movement in colonies and the international working-class movement, continuing to advance towards socialism and communism and abiding by the principles of non-interference in the internal affairs of others, mutual respect, equality and mutual benefit.

We strongly hold that the socialist countries, the newly independent states in Asia, Africa and Latin America, and all the peace-loving countries of the world should unite and wage an energetic struggle against imperialism.

Our Party and the Government of the Republic regard it as an unshakable principle of their foreign policy to support and encourage the national-liberation struggle and the revolutionary struggle of all the peoples in the world fighting against imperialism.

In the future, too, our Party and our people will continue to fight resolutely for the victory of the cause of peace and democracy, national independence and socialism, in unity with the peoples of socialist countries, in unity with the international working class, in unity with the fighting Asian, African and Latin American peoples and in unity with all the progressive peoples of the world, upholding the banner of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, the revolutionary banner of anti-imperialist struggle.

The Korean people and the Bulgarian people have formed strong ties of fraternal friendship in the struggle against imperialism and for the victory of the cause of socialism.

During our Fatherland Liberation War and our postwar rehabilitation and construction, the Bulgarian people gave our people a great deal of aid, both material and moral.

Our people do not forget this.

Today, too, the Bulgarian people actively support the struggle of our people for socialist construction and the independent and peaceful reunification of the fatherland.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew my deep thanks to Comrade Todor Zhivkov, the Bulgarian Communist Party, Government and people for the valuable support and cooperation given by the Bulgarian people to our people as their class brothers.

We are convinced that the fraternal friendship and solidarity between the two peoples of Korea and Bulgaria will be further consolidated and developed in all fields in the future in the struggle to realize the common purpose and ideal.

Long live indestructible, fraternal friendship and solidarity between the Korean people and the Bulgarian people!

Long live the Bulgarian Communist Party and the Bulgarian People's Republic!

Long live the ever-victorious banner of Marxism-Leninism!

The Korean People Are the Only Master of Their Destiny and They Should Be Left to Solve Their National Problem by Themselves

Speech of Comrade TODOR ZHIVKOV

at Pyongyang Mass Meeting

Respected Comrade Kim Il Sung,
Respected comrades and friends,
Dear Pyongyang citizens,

I cannot begin my speech with any other words but expressing thanks for your festive welcome accorded us during our stay in fraternal Korea. From the first moment when we were given hospitality in Pyongyang to this mass meeting arranged in our honour with the attendance of tens of thousands of people after our travel to Hamhung, shouts of joy from the working people and young men and women of Korea carrying bouquets in their hands and the faces of Korean children full of delight have greeted and are greeting us.

Forever in our hearts will remain the memories of the days bright with sunshine that clearly mirrored the lofty idea and spiritual and moral traits of your people.

You have received us as close comrades and friends, as comrades-in-arms faithful and loyal to their cause and as fighters standing on the same front with the same historic purpose.

We express, with excited feelings, our thanks to you for the unforgettable days our Party and government delegation has spent as holidays of friendship between our Parties and between our peoples.

We were deeply touched many times when Comrade Kim Il Sung, our friend and comrade, said excellent words and showed warm sentiments for the Bulgarian People's Republic, the Bulgarian Communist Party and the Bulgarian people. I am very happy to be able to congratulate fraternally and most sincerely the heroic Pyongyang citizens and the Communists and people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea at this enthusiastic Korea-Bulgaria friendship mass meeting in the name of the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party and the State Council of the Bulgarian People's Republic and the Government and the people of Bulgaria.

Dear Korean comrades,

I am happy to assure you of friendship and solidarity and our deep respect.

We are pleased to have been invited to your beautiful country by the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, so that we may acquaint ourselves with your successes and tasks.

You are justly proud of your long history and ancient culture and protracted struggle for national dignity, the glorious and brilliant exploits performed by the Korean guerillas in the heroic struggle against the Japanese colonialists waged under the leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung.

We remember the unexampled heroism displayed by the brotherly Korean people in the Fatherland Liberation War against U.S. imperialist aggression. We shared joy when you won with the fraternal and internationalist support of the socialist countries and all the progressive forces throughout the world.

Your heroism was displayed in rehabilitating what was severely destroyed in the war and is still being displayed today.

We have always been aware of the fact that the division of your country cannot be permanent and now we are better aware of it.

The 38th parallel bisected Korea, but it cannot keep Korea divided.

The Korean people who took up arms proved that they were invincible in the battlefields.

The Korean people once again proved their invincibility by their diligence in the difficult struggle for building a new life.

At factories and institutions of science and culture, on co-operative farms and in all other places we visited during our short stay in Pyongyang and Hamhung, we were deeply impressed not only by the achievements of the Korean people in socialist construction but also by their firm conviction of victory in their cause.

We admire the diligence of the Korean working class and the efforts of the farmers to produce more in their land which they cultivate with great care.

The solicitude shown by the Workers' Party of Korea for the education of the future builders of socialism and communism and the Students and Children's Palace made a strong impression on us.

We heartily rejoice over your success and regard it as our own.

It is because the development of productive forces in each socialist country increases social wealth and strengthens the might of the entire socialist system in which the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Bulgarian People's Republic hold their due positions.

We appreciated the opera "The Flower Girl" staged in Pyongyang.

We saw with satisfaction a genuine artistic work descriptive of the bygone days we should never forget.

With understanding of the agony of the hardworking oppressed people of the past and deep respect for them, we heard the music full of dramatic elements, spellbound.

"The Flower Girl" touched our heartstrings with soft voices of the performers and melodies boldly believing in the strength of the people, and it will remain forever in our memory.

The proverb of this noble work: "Sincerity makes stone put forth flowers" will also remain in our minds.

At the February 8 Vinalon Factory in Hamhung, we witnessed the ardour of the persevering, talented Korean people who have made stone bear flowers.

The bright colours of the stone-flowers shine with the dresses of the Korean women attending the mass rally and with the radiant red banner of communism and proletarian internationalism, our common banner of victory.

Comrades and friends,

The spring of socialism for all peoples makes stone put forth flowers, indeed.

Dear comrades, we know well under what hard and complex condition you are building socialism. But it renders the successes made under the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea trustworthy and more significant.

Those who are opposed to the reunification of Korea are afraid of this.

The bomb craters have been filled up, flowers are in full bloom on fresh soil and new houses and public buildings have made their appearance in the cities which were razed to the ground, candles of the past days are no longer to be seen in the houses of urban and rural areas where electricity has found its way, fields and orchards are covered with ramified networks of silver-white irrigation channels and one of every four studies in socialist Korea. Now it must be really hard for the enemies to find proper words for the Korean people.

This people can exchange finest words and have mutual understanding with those who prize success out of their own experience. We appreciate this value and share joy over the common efforts and common successes with the same language. A Korean saying goes, "Grains dropped can be picked up, but a word once said cannot be taken back."

The working peoples of Korea and Bulgaria always kept their words and put them into practice with honour.

The Bulgarian people, too, waged an arduous struggle for centuries against foreign aggressors for achieving their national independence. At the time of World War II, this struggle was linked up with the struggle for social emancipation. This struggle succeeded with the decisive help of the Soviet Union, the first socialist state, which routed the fascist army in Europe and the one million strong Kwantung army in Asia. Like the Bulgarian people, the Korean people, rallied close around their Party, are exhibiting their energy and creative power to carry out the enormous tasks of the Six-Year Plan set by the Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Dear comrades and friends,

In the past 29 years following the triumph of the socialist revolution, Bulgaria changed its appearance radically.

Under the leadership of the Bulgarian Communist Party, our people have converted Bulgaria, once a backward agricultural country, into a socialist state with developed industry and modern socialist rural economy.

We have gained marked successes in all spheres of political, economic and cultural life.

These successes are ascribable to the devoted labour of our people and the correct policy of the Bulgarian Communist Party and the people's government.

But they are unthinkable apart from the precious, disinterested aid of the country of Lenin and the mutual cooperation and help of the brotherly socialist countries.

Dear comrades and friends,

The Bulgarian people are now making all-out efforts to implement the historic decision of the 10th Congress of the Bulgarian Communist Party and the programme for the building of a developed socialist society adopted at the congress. Our Party mapped out a comprehensive programme for further improvement of the material and cultural standards of the people at the September Plenum last year. The efforts of the Communists and all the working people in our country are being concentrated on the fulfilment of these tasks.

We can say on all authority that the programme of our Party has become a programme of the entire Bulgarian people.

Of course, unavoidable difficulties lie in our way.

But we are successfully overcoming them with the efforts of the Party and the people in our harmonious socialist family.

Comrades,

The realization of the important tasks confronting us is inconceivable apart from peace and security. The socialist character of our system defines the foreign policy of the Bulgarian People's Republic as an immutable class and peace-loving policy.

It receives encouragement from the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, the fundamental interests of our people and the peoples of other socialist countries and the interests of the revolutionary course of the world. What serves as its basis, touchstone is the firm, eternal and fraternal friendship and cooperation with the Soviet Union, the first socialist country, and other brotherly socialist countries. The Bulgarian People's Republic is directing primary attention to the close economic cooperation and cooperativization and specialization in production with the socialist countries, because they are a guarantee for the rapid progress of each of the socialist countries and its vital demand.

We note with satisfaction the increasing role of the socialist community, the main force in the world revolutionary course, which constitutes a determining factor in international life.

We are living in an era of tension and insecurity. The October Socialist Revolution carried out by Lenin the genius drew the line of distinction telling the future from the past not only for the people of the Soviet Union but also for all the other peoples fighting for freedom and independence and happiness of humanity on this globe.

The socialist spring of the globe started in the country of Lenin.

All the black-hearted, reactionary and imperialist forces directed the spearhead to the country of Lenin.

The people of the Soviet Union checked fascism, the most heinous enemy of mankind, with their chests and destroyed it.

Today hundreds of millions of people are defending the bulwark of peace with the thought of Lenin.

The international situation is developing more and more favourably for peace and democracy, national independence and socialism as a result of the positive effort of the socialist countries, the international communist movement and working-class movement and the national-liberation movement.

A glaring proof of such development is the great historic victory of the heroic Vietnamese people.

We warmly congratulate the conclusion of the agreement on ending the war and restoring peace in Viet Nam that marked the beginning in removing one of the fiercest controversies in our age.

We believe that in the near future the hotbed of the Indochinese war will completely disappear and that the peoples of Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia will become masters of their territories and their destinies.

As is generally known, an important measure has recently been taken for the consolidation of peace and security in the European continent.

As a result of the concerted, principled policy of the socialist countries, the member nations of the Warsaw Treaty, a favourable condition has been created in realizing their proposition on convening a pan-European conference for security and cooperation.

This conference assumes the mission of laying the foundation of durable peace and security in the continent. It is because the flames of two world wars flared up in this continent in the past, and such an imperialist bloc as the NATO is now working.

The Bulgarian People's Republic has pursued a peace-loving policy for good neighbour relations with the Balkan states and a consistent peace-loving policy for the development of understanding and cooperation among the European and world peoples and states and thus has made and is making an active contribution to the relaxation of international tension.

In this regard, we cannot but point out with satisfaction the contribution of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Thanks to your constructive and consistent efforts the political situation on the Korean peninsula has recently been eased to some extent, we think.

Dear Korean comrades,

This struggle of yours has enhanced still more the prestige of socialist Korea and created a new favourable condition for socialist construction, settlement of the internal affairs of the nation and for further expansion of the international ties of socialist Korea.

We understand that the danger caused by new adventures of imperialism has not been removed in spite of the positive trends in the development of international relations.

This has been proved by the continuation of arms race, preservation of the source of tension and by aggression committed in a series of parts of the globe.

We scathingly denounce the holy alliance of international Zionism and the Israeli aggression instigated by imperialism.

The Bulgarian People's Republic and the Bulgarian people support the just struggle of the Arab peoples.

The developments in the Middle East once again definitely showed who is actually the true friend of the people fighting for liberation.

The bloody persecution by the Portuguese colonialists and the racists of South Africa and Rhodesia has not stopped.

The independence of certain new-born independent countries is at stake.

Recently the world has been shocked by the sanguinary atrocity perpetrated by counter-revolutionary reactionaries of Chile who overthrew the legitimate Popular Unity Government led by President Salvador Allende, participated in by imperialist circles. Chilean generals will never wash clean their hands stained with the blood of the Chilean patriots.

People and all the progressive mankind denounce them with shame and contempt.

There is no doubt that the Chilean working class and working people will win ultimate victory.

Imperialists know that the main force in the revolutionary course of the world is the socialist system and that its most powerful weapon is unity. Imperialists and their lackeys regard the unity of the socialist community as their major target.

Imperialists are resorting to every conceivable means to weaken our cohesion and unity of action and pit one socialist country against another, above all, against the Soviet Union, the strongest socialist state.

Anti-communist policy is the main feature of imperialists' policy that they have pursued long since.

Even today they take anti-communism as their basic weapon.

Therefore, we deem it our first duty to deliver a decisive counterblow to the anti-communist policy of the imperialists, develop and strengthen the unity of action between the socialist countries and consolidate the Warsaw Treaty, an important bastion of peace in Europe and the whole world and a reliable shield of our national independence and our socialist gains.

No doubt, the achievements made by the Korean, Vietnamese and other peoples in alleviating tension can be consolidated and expanded by the united efforts of all the countries concerned in Asia. In Asia, too, as in Europe, the socialist countries have constituted and must constitute a positive and strong factor in this advancement.

Dear Korean friends,

I once again express our solidarity with the Korean people in their struggle to peacefully reunify the country on a democratic basis.

We, like other socialist countries, congratulate the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on the consolidation of its position in the international arena as a factor of peace in Asia and socialism.

Fraternal Korea can expect positive support from the socialist countries in this respect.

We consider that the U.S. troops stationed in south Korea under the United Nations cloak must be withdrawn at an earlier date and the so-called "United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea" be dissolved.

The Korean people are the only master of their destiny and they should be left to solve their national problem by themselves.

Respected comrades,

It is beyond doubt that our meeting and comradely conversations with Comrade Kim Il Sung, our meetings and comradely conversations with Party and state cadres of the DPRK and the exchange of views on a number of questions during our stay will be of great significance in further strengthening the friendship and cooperation between our two countries, our fraternal Parties and peoples on the basis of Marxism-Leninism, socialism and socialist internationalism and the commonness of our tasks and goal.

In the talks, we affirmed with satisfaction especially that allround cooperation between us had made successful development in recent years.

However, all possibilities have not yet been utilized to the full.

We are convinced that the exchange of experiences and closer harmony and cooperation help towards and conform with the interests of the peoples of our two countries and the strengthening of the unity of the socialist community, the international communist movement and working-class movement and all the anti-imperialist forces.

Dear comrades and friends,

We would like to assure you that we will spare no efforts to realize the lofty purpose and the Bulgarian people will always remain your reliable ally in the struggle for peace, socialism and national unity.

The law of the development of history and immovable laws of the struggle for peace and socialism demand that we advance shoulder to shoulder in the struggle for the future of the globe.

This struggle is an out and out life-and-death struggle and it only promises the one road, the victory for us.

The common fidelity to the communist ideology linking us is our invincible weapon that our enemy fears most.

We will never betray this ideology and our internationalist duty.

Dear comrades,

We express our heartfelt gratitude to the working people in Pyongyang for having presented the red flag to us at this meeting.

This will become a symbol of the ever-developing Bulgaria-Korea friendship for the Bulgarian Communists and the people of Bulgaria.

Long live the heroic and talented Korean people!

Long live the Workers' Party of Korea, the organizer and guide of all the victories of the Korean people, headed by Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Party and President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea!

May the unity and cohesion of the world socialist system, the international communist movement and working-class movement and all the progressive forces be consolidated and strengthened in the struggle against imperialism and for peace, democracy and the victory of socialism!

May the fraternal friendship and overall cooperation between the Bulgarian and Korean peoples consolidate and develop!

Long live the victory of the Marxist-Leninist ideology, our banner and beacon!

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Mauritanian People's Party; **Reidar T. Larsen**, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Norwegian Communist Party; and **Antonio Kubillo**, General Secretary of the Self-determination and Independence Movement of Canary Islands.

✦ **The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea** received messages of greetings from **the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba**, and **C. Hermansson**, Chairman of the Left Party-Communists of Sweden, on the occasion of the 28th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea.

✦ Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, General Secretary of the CC of the WPK and President of the DPRK, and Comrade **Kim Il**, Premier of the DPRK Administration Council, sent replies in joint names to the Party and government leaders of the socialist countries for their messages of greetings sent on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the DPRK.

Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, replied to messages of greetings he had received from the government leaders of the different countries of the world on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the DPRK.

Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, sent similar replies to the international organizations and public figures of various countries.

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Art Performance

On the evening of the 25th, the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, together with Comrade Todor Zhivkov, saw the revolutionary opera "The Flower Girl" based on the immortal classical play "The Flower Girl".

The members of the delegation and its suite were invited to see the opera.

Cadres of the Party, government bodies and working people's organizations, generals of the Korean People's Army, leading functionaries in the fields of science, education, culture, art and the press and working people in the city also saw the performance together with the guests.

Prior to the performance, the national anthem of Bulgaria and the Patriotic Song of our country were played.

When the performance was over, Comrade Todor Zhivkov stepped on the stage with the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung amid the stormy cheers of "manse" shaking the hall and conveyed a basket of flowers to the performers in congratulation of their successful performance and posed with them.

Inspection

The delegation visited Hamhung, an industrial city.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung went there together with the guests.

The delegation arrived in Hamhung on the 26th and attended a mass rally held there.

Li Gil Song, Chief Secretary of the South Hamgyong Provincial Committee of the WPK, and Todor Zhivkov, head of the delegation, made speeches at the rally.

That day the Bulgarian guests visited the February 8th Vinalon Factory and the Chollima Ryongsong Machine Plant.

That evening the delegation was invited to a banquet jointly arranged by the South Hamgyong Provincial Committee of the WPK and the South Hamgyong Provincial Administrative Committee in honour of the delegation's visit to South Hamgyong Province.

Kim Se Bong, Chairman of the South Hamgyong Provincial Administrative Committee, and Comrade Pencho Kubadinski, Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party and Vice-Chairman of the Council of Ministers, made speeches at the banquet.

On the 28th the delegation inspected the Pyongyang Students and Children's Palace.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung accompanied them.

Prior to this, the delegation visited the Central Industrial and Agricultural Exhibition.

Banquet

On the evening of the 28th, the Party and government delegation of the BPR led by Comrade Todor Zhivkov gave a grand banquet at the Mansudae Assembly Hall in honour of the Party and government delegation of our country headed by the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung was invited to the banquet.

Also invited there were cadres of the Party and government bodies and working people's organizations, generals of the Korean People's Army and leading cadres in the fields of science, education, culture, art and the press.

The members of the Party and government delegation of the BPR and the Bulgarian guests staying in our country were also present there.

Comrade Todor Zhivkov and the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung made speeches at the banquet.

The banquet proceeded in a warm atmosphere overflowing with the feeling of friendship.

The Bulgarian People's Army Song and Dance Ensemble gave a performance at the banquet.

Departure

The BPR Party and government delegation which had been on an official friendship visit to our country left Pyongyang by special plane on the 29th after successfully concluding its itinerary.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and our people, and leading cadres of our Party and government saw off the guests.

Portraits of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and Comrade Todor Zhivkov were to be seen among a large number of people at the airport.

A grand farewell ceremony was held at the airport.

The airport was pervaded with the feeling of friendship between the peoples of the two countries.

The special plane carrying the guests took off amid the warm send-off of the crowds.

Revolutionary Opera from the Immortal Classic THE FLOWER GIRL

ACT III

SCENE 1

Night at an Amusement Centre.

Ggot Bun appears, selling flowers amid *Pangchang* of "Buy Flowers".

Women's *Pangchang:*
Buy flowers, my flowers, pretty red flowers,
Beautiful and fragrant red flowers.
Buy flowers, my flowers, these red flowers,
Which I tend with such care to get medicine for my sick mother.

Women's duet *Pangchang:*
Beautiful azaleas bloom at the foot of the mountain.
Pale pink apricot blossoms grow at the foot of the mountain.

Women's *Pangchang:*
Buy flowers, my flowers! When you take these flowers
Spring will come even to an aching heart.

The Flower Girl
꽃파는 처녀
ggotpanun chonyo

Pathetically (♩=66)
ggot sa si yo ggot sa si yo o-yo bbun bbalgunggot
hyanggiropggo biggaigo un a tum da un bbalgunggot
al nun om ma yak gu ha ryo jongsang dama' gaggunggot

Ggot Bun tries hard to sell flowers but nobody buys them.
A drunkard takes a bundle of flowers from Ggot Bun and staggers away without paying for it.
Ggot Bun cannot get the money and turns round.
Well-dressed women buy flowers and hand money to Ggot Bun.
Old man Hwang brings a rickshaw to the front of a bar and goes out.
Japanese appear.

Man: Hey, give me a bouquet.
Ggot Bun gives it to him.
The man takes it and is going to give it to a woman.
First she is pleased. But as soon as she sees Ggot Bun she makes a face.
Woman: No, don't buy, darling.
Man: Why?
Woman: (Nodding toward Ggot Bun.)
How dirty she is! Buying flowers from a beggar?
Throw them away. Don't you see how dirty she is?
The man throws them at Ggot Bun's face.
The Japanese go away, tittering.
Ggot Bun stands motionless.

Men's *Pangchang:*
You are free to buy or not.
But how dare you despise her?
Though more beautiful than the flower,
Clothed in rags she's called a beggar.

Ggot Bun:
They pour bitter scorn on the poor,
So scornful as to call me dirty.
But for the sake of mother
I'll endure all mistreatments and insults.

Men's *Pangchang:*
Suppressing the tears of blood in her heart,
She sells flowers to save her mother.

Ggot Bun tries to sell flowers, wiping off tears, but there are no buyers.
Patriots are marched off by the police.
A well-dressed gentleman and a girl who seems to be his daughter come out of "Changsaeng Dispensary" with a paper bag of medicine, exchange parting words with the doctor and exit.
Ggot Bun supplicates the doctor for a favour.
Ggot Bun: Doctor, I would like to get some medicine for my sick mother.
The doctor is embarrassed.
Ggot Bun:
I sell flowers one by one but I haven't managed to earn enough money.
Please give me some medicine.
I'll bring you flowers every morning and evening.
Doctor: You cannot live on flowers in this world.
Doctor goes in sighing, indicating that he cannot help it.
Ggot Bun gazes at the signboard "Changsaeng Dispensary" for a while, before leaving the place reluctantly.

Women's *Pangchang:*
This frosty world wants no flowers.
When will flowers blossom across this land?
As the silent night deepens,
The girl stands lonely, holding her flowers.

A thief appears with some things he has stolen in a house and runs against Ggot Bun.
Terrified, Ggot Bun drops her flower-basket.
The thief runs away in a great hurry, a piece of clothing dropped behind him.
Ggot Bun collects the scattered flowers in her basket.
At this moment the victim comes running to find one of his belongings on the ground. He grabs Ggot Bun by the collar.
Ggot Bun: No. I am selling flowers.
Victim: Selling flowers! Let's go to the police station.
The man pulls Ggot Bun by the wrist.
As Ggot Bun refuses, the man slaps her on the cheek.
People flock to the scene.

Mixed *Pangchang:*
The poor girl is accused of theft
While selling flowers for her mother.
To whom can she turn for help
In this desolate world?

The doctor witnesses the scene and sympathized with Ggot Bun.
Old man Hwang who has brought the landlord in a rickshaw finds Ggot Bun.
Old man Hwang: Why, you are Ggot Bun!
Ggot Bun: Grandpa, tell them, please, I've never stolen anything.
Old man Hwang: (To the victim.)
Look here. Even if the sky were to fall, she would never steal. She was just selling flowers to get medicine for her mother.
People disperse, murmuring.
The victim stands embarrassed and goes away to find the thief.
Old man Hwang sorrowfully embraces the sobbing girl and sings.

Old man Hwang:
Your father, who worked with me as farm hand,
Asked me to look after you on his deathbed.
But I've failed to help you buy your mother's medicine.
And now you are falsely accused of stealing.

Doctor appears with a determined look.
Coming out of a bar the landlord and middleman spot Ggot Bun.
Landlord: You hussy! What are you doing? Selling flowers instead of doing your work?
Ggot Bun: Excuse me, sir, but my mother is so ill.
I've done all my work today. I sell flowers only at night to get medicine.
Landlord: What? Medicine? Don't talk nonsense!
(To the middleman.) Take that slut to the weavers' recruiting agency right away and sell her.
The middleman is pleased, saying "You should have done so long ago."
Ggot Bun: Have mercy, sir.
Landlord: Oh, shut up.
The landlord throws down the flowers and beats Ggot Bun.
Ggot Bun kneels on the ground and cries.
The landlord receives money from the middleman and gets in the rickshaw drawn by old man Hwang.
The middleman approaches Ggot Bun.
Middleman: You needn't cry. You aren't the only one.
You have to leave by train tomorrow morning.
Go home and get yourself ready and wait.
The middleman enters his office. A sign "Weavers Wanted" is seen on the door.

Women's *Pangchang:*
Poor Ggot Bun, what a hard lot you have to bear!
How are you going to ride through
This cold and heartless world
Where selling human beings is tolerated?

Doctor comes out with medicine to give Ggot Bun.
Doctor:
I said you couldn't live on flowers.
But your heart is more beautiful than any flower.
I have no other way to help you
Than giving you this medicine for your mother.

Men's *Pangchang:*
They say you cannot live on flowers.
But your heart is more beautiful than any flower.

Having received the paper bag of medicine Ggot Bun bows to the doctor, crying.
Handing her flower-basket the doctor tells her to go home quickly.

The stage darkens.

SCENE 2

On the Way Home at Night.

A full moon is shining brightly.
Ggot Bun appears with the bag of medicine, looks up at the moon.
The moon fairies dance as if expressing Ggot Bun's painful heart.

Ggot Bun:
Dewdrops glisten on the petals.
Are they my tears flowing?
The bright moon is shining in the sky,
But I know not where to go in this world of darkness.

In the background rich women are enjoying a swing under the full moon. Their ringing laughter is heard.
Ggot Bun looks at them absent-mindedly.

Women's *Pangchang:*
The moon is one, shining bright in the sky.
But varied are the people who gaze upon it from below.
Some are happy looking at the moon,
While others become melancholy.

Under the moonlight the flower fairies sway and surround Ggot Bun.

Ggot Bun:
Moon, bright moon, don't go down.
What shall I do when you are gone?
If I had no dear ones,
I could go somewhere far away
Or throw myself into the river.

Women's *Pangchang:*
But what would become of my ailing mother
And my poor little blind sister?

Ggot Bun leaves for home in deep thought.

The stage darkens.

SCENE 3

At Ggot Bun's. Early Morning.

As the stage grows light again, thin smoke is seen rising from the chimney. Ggot Bun is boiling the medicine in the yard.

Women's *Pangchang:*
At the foot of the mountain fog swirls quietly.
Mother and younger sister are still asleep.
With torment in her heart,
She's passed a long and sleepless night.

Ggot Bun:
Am I blinded by my tears?
The morning stars have disappeared from the sky.
The time of parting is approaching.
What will happen to my family after I'm taken away?

Women's *Pangchang:*
O mountain bird, don't hasten the dawn.
I'll be carried away as soon as day breaks.

The Time of Parting Is Approaching
리별의 시각은 다가오는데
ribyorue sigagun dagaonunde

A little slowly and pathetically (♩=56)
son giuige go-yo ...ul ...ongae-ha ro- go
mu ...eotteu dung-geong -un ...eih - jumja - ro
mal mot - hal su yo mul gasuneunggo -
tto ...ggo-ttut-han- ...ul ...-eseo-ttu-ro- ...-ga
tto- ...ggo-ttut-han- ...ul ...-eseo-ttu-ro- ...-ga

Sun Hui comes out of the room.
Ggot Bun: Sun Hui!
Sun Hui: Sister!
Ggot Bun: Sun Hui, I've bought medicine.
Sun Hui: Medicine? Where did you get the money?
Ggot Bun: I failed to get enough from the flowers, but a kind doctor gave me some.
Sun Hui: Oh, how fortunate!
Sun Hui dances, taking her sister by the wrist.

Hun Sui:
Azaleas, thousands upon thousands in bloom.
Every blossom is laden with my sister's deep devotion to our mother.
Oh, our devotion blooms like flowers.

Watching Sun Hui rejoicing, Ggot Bun wipes her tears away quietly lest her younger sister should notice.

Sun Hui:
Our devotion is seen in every petal.
Mother will get better when she takes this medicine.
Oh, flowers of joy will bloom in our house.

Mother opens the door, asking, "Did Ggot Bun come?"
Sun Hui: Mother, sister has brought medicine for you.
Mother: Medicine?
Ggot Bun goes to her mother, holding a bowl of medicine.
Ggot Bun:
Mother, mother, please take your medicine.
Please accept your daughter's humble devotion.
You've suffered hardships for so many years.
Please take this medicine and live long.

Mother:
Your devotion will cure my illness.
Let's suppress our sorrow and live together.
Why must we just shed tears forever?
Even dry branches will blossom some day.

Unable to control herself, Ggot Bun weeps by the brazier.
Mother: What's wrong?
Ggot Bun: (Wiping her tears away.) Nothing.
Just as Ggot Bun is going to give her mother the medicine, the landlord, Paek Man and the middleman appear.
Landlord: All right, Ggot Bun, let's go now.
Mother: What's the matter, sir?
Landlord: I've sold Ggot Bun to settle the debts you owe me.
The mother is shocked and draws Ggot Bun to her side.
The mother and daughter hold each other and cry.

Mother:
What do you mean? What do you mean?
What on earth do you mean, you've sold her?
What's the use of living without her?
She can't go. She can't leave us behind.

The landlord, Paek Man and the middleman try to tear mother away from Ggot Bun by force.
Mother and Ggot Bun try to hold each other.
Ggot Bun is taken away.
The landlord knocks down the mother who rushes to him.
Mother falls down.
Mother: Ggot Bun!
As Ggot Bun sees her mother falling and calling her, she frees herself from the villains and rushes to her mother. She holds her and tries to revive her.
Ggot Bun: Mother!
Seeing the mother breathing her last, the landlord, Paek Man and the middleman slink away stealthily.
The mother speaks with great difficulty.
Mother: Ggot Bun, I'm dying before seeing your brother again.
The mother dies.
Ggot Bun: Mother, mother!
Sun Hui: Mother, why did you die? Why?
The two daughters cry, shaking their mother's body.

Mixed *Pangchang:*
Ah...

Yong Ran's mother rushes in.
Presently, villagers come.

Ggot Bun:
Why did you die, mother,
Leaving the blind Sun Hui behind?
Despite all my devotion,
Why did you leave me?

Sun Hui:
Who will help us?
Who will look after me, blind as I am?

Women's *Pangchang:*
How will the destitute girls manage
Without a mother in this cruel world?

Mixed *Pangchang:*
Even though she is dead, she cannot rest in peace,
With beloved daughters left behind.

The stage darkens and in the spotlight Sun Hui stamps her feet, calling her mother in a heartbreaking voice.
Ggot Bun approaches Sun Hui and holds her in her arms.
They both weep.
As the stage becomes light, a grave is seen.

Women's *Pangchang:*
She can neither answer their calls
Nor hear them crying and striking the ground.
Between heaven and earth boundless,
The little girls are homeless.

Ggot Bun and Sun Hui wail, scratching the earth.
Sun Hui:
Mother used to pat me on the head every morning
And clasp me to her bosom every evening.

Ggot Bun & Sun Hui:
Where are you gone, mother?
How can we live from now?

Chorus by all:
There's a saying, "Faith moves mountains."
Perhaps the daughter's faith hasn't been great enough?
What a pity! Who in this terrible world
Will tell the cause of the mother's death?
What a pity! Who in this terrible world
Will tell the cause of the mother's death?

Ggot Bun walks slowly, soothing Sun Hui who insists through tears on staying by her mother's grave.
The stage darkens amid the *Pangchang.*
(To Be Continued)

Scenes from Act III. Ggot Bun sells flowers enduring all insults and mistreatments (left). Good-natured doctor gives medicine to Ggot Bun free of charge (right).

Seoul Normal College Students Call Strike

More than 1,500 students of the Normal College of the Seoul University went on strike on October 26 defying the threat and appeasement by the Pak Jung Hi fascist thugs, according to a foreign report from Seoul.

With this the strike of the Seoul University students has expanded to five colleges. As already reported, the students of the Liberal Arts and Science College, Law College, Medical College and Commercial College of the said university are now on strike.

Upon coming to the college on the morning of October 26, the Normal College students resolutely denounced the crimes of the Pak Jung Hi fascist hangmen who are not only arresting and expelling from school students who have turned out to the just struggle against fascism and for democracy but also committing without hesitation such atrocities as arresting a professor and torturing him to death. Then the students decided to resist the bestial suppression with the boycott of lessons and went on a strike.

They demanded the release of the 26 students who were arrested after the anti-"government", anti-dictatorship demonstration struggle.

It is reported that a leading member of the student council of the college manifested the firm determination of the entire students to answer the outrages of the oppressors with resistance of blood.

The Pak Jung Hi fascist thugs immediately arrested this student and are on the rampage to destroy and disorganize the ranks of the fighting students.

But, the barbarous suppression by the beasts has further heightened the students' spirit of resistance. The situation indicates that the flames of the anti-"government" resistance will be continuously expanded.

"A Bleak Wind Began Blowing at the Pak Jung Hi System" Says Japanese Newspaper

The recent issue of the Japanese paper **Asahi Shimbun** carried an article captioned "south Korea under extraordinary martial law for one year", according to a report from Tokyo.

It said that the Pak Jung Hi clique "seemed to have completely put down the opposition forces by power politics", but, after the Kim Dae Jung abduction case, the sentiments against them grew at home and abroad to culminate in "the anti-government movement of students of the Seoul University".

Thus, "a bleak wind began blowing at the Pak Jung Hi system", the paper said. It pointed out that the south Korean students rose in a massive anti-"government" demonstration under the slogan of anti-fascism and democracy and the men of the press began to resist repression and opposition parties of south Korea "openly call the government a dictator".

The Pak Jung Hi special agents in south Korea, a report from Seoul said, sponsored a news conference on October 26, where Kim Dae Jung made his appearance out of the blue. He had till then been banned from any contact with the outside under house arrest for 70 or more days.

They did not organize this fraudulent "news conference" for the sake of Kim Dae Jung, the victim, but rigged it up with the aim of covering up the crime committed by themselves—the abduction and persecution of Kim Dae Jung.

How unpresentable it was could be seen from the fact that Kim Dae Jung under the escort of many CIA special agents was asked a few questions by the reporters on hand in accordance with the pre-arranged script and that it was held at 10 a.m. and telecasted at 11 a.m. one hour later, after a careful processing of the film and tape.

The fascist Pak Jung Hi clique had subjected Kim Dae Jung to persecution till the moment of the news conference in an attempt to punish him on a "charge of high treason against the nation". And now they staged such a clumsy farce as to bring him out before the press corps for a conference all of a sudden. A little guesswork is enough to make clear the reason why.

Clumsy Burlesque

The Pak Jung Hi clique completely lost their reputation due to the kidnapping of Kim Dae Jung and found themselves in a tight corner under the impact of the ever mounting struggle of the south Korean students and youth against fascism and for democracy and under the pressure of world public opinion. In such situation they were no longer able to cover up the foul crime they had committed.

To crown it all, the treacherous nature of the plot of the Pak Jung Hi gang to create two Koreas was exposed in all its nakedness on the eve of the discussion of the Korean question at the current session of the UN General Assembly. This drove them into hot water. So, they had to make desperate efforts to get themselves out of the internal and international isolation.

No ridiculous farce, however, can help them camouflage the vicious nature as a gang.

Nothing on earth can blind a quick eye of the people and stem the emergence of unbiased world public opinion.

Little wonder that the south Korean people, as was reported by the **Asahi Shimbun**, openly said: "What else if it is not a burlesque coercively rigged up by the government?"

It goes without saying that the Pak Jung Hi clique staged the farce according to the script presented by their masters, United States and Japan, and under their direction.

Even the organizations affiliated with the Mindan (the south Korean residents association in Japan) issued statements, in which they laid bare the virulent acts of the fascist Pak Jung Hi gang and denounced them, saying that the "socalled 'acquittal of Kim Dae Jung from house arrest' was a political strategem the south Korean authorities and the Japanese government worked out to hold the 'south Korea-Japan ministerial conference' at an early date."

The south Korean residents in the United States said that "With the UN discussion of the Korean question at hand the U.S. government exercised strong influence behind the scenes" in this farce. They resolutely declared that "We will step up the movement against Pak Jung Hi without falling a victim to such fraud."

Even western press agencies were unanimous in reporting that it was a "trick played for fear of seriously affecting the discussion of the Korean question." The Japanese Jiji News Press said that "Kim Dae Jung is virtually under house arrest."

If the Pak Jung Hi special agents think it possible to hush up the Kim Dae Jung case by staging such a clumsy farce, it will be a gross miscalculation.

The south Korean people as well as the public opinion at home and abroad demand that the truth of this case be brought to full light, that organizers and culprits in the case be made known to the public and that Kim Dae Jung, the victim, be released immediately and guaranteed freedom of activity to the full.

A burlesque rigged up by coercive means can never cover up the gangster-like nature of the Pak Jung Hi special agents but will invite bitterer hatred and denunciation on the part of the people at home and abroad.

Kim Myong Suk

Excellence of Universal Compulsory 10-Year Senior Middle School Education

In this country secondary compulsory education was introduced on November 1, 1958, 15 years ago, and universal compulsory ten-year senior middle school education and one year of compulsory preschool training are now in force.

The great revolutionary leader Comrade Kim Il Sung founded the immortal *Juche* idea and, by brilliantly embodying it in the educational work, propounded the original idea that education is an important aspect of the work with men and its starting point, thus clarifying the stand and attitude of the communists toward education.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung taught:

"All our work is for people and its success depends on how to do the work with them. Education is an important aspect of the work with men."

This teaching of the leader clarifies the social and class essence of education and its position in the overall revolutionary work and shows us the principles and ways for training people to be most powerful social being as their social nature requires.

This teaching also indicates the way of immensely raising the position and role of people by giving full play to their independence and creativeness.

In order to successfully carry out the ensuing revolutionary tasks for scaling the material and ideological fortresses in building socialism and communism after the establishment of the socialist system and realisation of the socialist industrialization, it is necessary to further improve and strengthen the education for training people to be a powerful social being, along with all other work, and definitely give it top precedence.

The universal compulsory 10-year senior middle school education is a new socialist education system with essential superiority, for it reflects both the lawful demand of the development of our socialist system and the essential demand of the development of man.

Through the new compulsory education we aim, first of all, to give the new rising generation complete general secondary school education during this period to rear them as able and well prepared workers capable of carrying out the difficult and complex tasks of the building of socialism and communism from the stand of a master.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung taught:

"Our universal compulsory ten-year education is compulsory senior middle schooling. Through this we aim to give all our people perfect middle school education."

Complete middle school education is a basic education to provide the rising generation with the ideological standard and cultural level necessary for conducting independent and creative activities as the powerful social being.

The universal compulsory ten-year senior middle school education, by thoroughly implementing the principles of socialist pedagogy, gives complete middle school education to all the younger generation without exception, so that the state of the working class can carry out with a sense of responsibility the work of training them into a new type of man fully equipped with a high political and ideological standard and qualification and communist moral traits befitting the master of the building of socialism and communism.

Another great superiority of the universal compulsory ten-year senior middle school education lies in the fact that it is a most revolutionary education system that firmly equips the rising generation with the essentials of the revolutionary world outlook and rears them as reliable successors to the revolution and energetically pushes ahead with the revolutionization and working-classization of the whole society.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung taught:

"When the universal ten-year compulsory senior-middle-school education has been carried out, all our new rising generation will grow up as able builders of socialism who are equipped with the essentials of revolutionary world outlook and have basic knowledge of nature and society and more than one technical skill."

The universal compulsory ten-year senior middle school education plays an important role in bringing into shape the revolutionary world outlook in the younger generation because it fully meets the lawful demand of the formation of the revolutionary world outlook.

The revolutionary world outlook takes shape and develops through certain stages of mental development by purposeful ideological education, organizational life and revolutionary practical activities for a long period.

Through the universal compulsory ten-year senior middle school education, we give all our new rising generation revolutionary education without interruption for 11 years and let them participate in the organizational life and revolutionary practical activities. In this course, the school children receive revolutionary education with education in Party's monolithic ideology as its main content and participate in the organizational life and revolutionary practical activities, through which they become possessed of the revolutionary consciousness and communist consciousness and, accordingly, they become equipped with the essentials of the revolutionary world outlook.

The new compulsory education reliably guarantees the rearing of the rising generation into the successor to our revolution since it is enforced in the most important period of the growth of students and embodies in itself the lawful demand of the formation of the revolutionary world outlook through the long-term education, the rational system of education and the revolutionary content and means of education.

It also helps all the children of the rising generation firmly equip themselves with the essentials of the revolutionary world outlook in this period before proceeding into society so that they may complete it without difficulty in the course of social or college life and service in the army and eventually step up the revolutionization and working-classization of the whole society and actively contribute to the conquest of the ideological fortress.

The universal 10-year compulsory senior middle school education is a superior educational system which actively serves not only for the conquest of the ideological fortress but also for the acceleration of the socialist economic construction by training able builders of socialism and communism capable of undertaking the technical and cultural revolutions facing us today.

In the stage of senior middle school education, the students grow up to be useful workers who are able to develop the economy of the country and carry out the three major tasks of the technical revolution by acquiring rudiments of modern science and technology and more than one technique and skill on automobiles, tractors and communications.

As more and more children go through the senior middle school education, the qualitative composition of the ranks of labourers will change in our country and the universal technical and cultural levels of the working people rise markedly, this will make a direct contribution to preparing a large contingent of technicians and specialists of the country.

The 10-year senior middle school education for giving complete secondary knowledge provides everyone with fundamental education for receiving high and specialized education.

This educational system actively contributes to carrying out the task of cultural revolution by raising the levels of general and technical knowledge of the working people and laying a solid foundation for rearing a large contingent of intellectuals of the country.

When the 10-year compulsory senior middle school education is fully enforced, all the children of the new generation of our country will grow up into men of new communist type, prepared mentally, morally and physically and developed in an allround way needed for the revolution and construction, and our revolutionary cause will be successfully promoted at faster pace.

Cha Jong Pil

Our students are happily studying under the warm care of the leader. This photo was taken at the Chollima Tonghung Girls' Senior Middle School

All Are Top-Honour Pupils

The pupils of the 3rd class of the second year at the Sinri Primary School, Tongdaewon District, Pyongyang, are all top-honour pupils.

They are seven years old. They now would be the first graders under the old education system.

Enrolled last year at the age of 6 under the universal compulsory 10-year senior middle school education system, they successfully covered the first-year course and were now moved up to the next grade, in September this year.

Some time ago I visited the school to inspect a class at work.

The headmaster led me into a classroom where I saw teacher Kim Sun Ok giving her pupils the lesson of "Revolutionary Activities of Marshal Kim Il Sung".

She was explaining in easy-to-understand terms, showing them a number of pictures illustrative of the feat performed by the respected and beloved leader in the revolutionary struggle.

After the 45-minute lesson was over, I met some of the pupils and asked them a few questions to see how they understood what were taught in the class. All their answers were correct and fluent.

I also saw the pupils taking arithmetic lesson.

They were already good at settling the question of numerical calculation—the addition and subtraction of two figures. I examined their notebooks and found that they were writing neatly and legibly.

Asked about the "secret" to her success—making all the pupils get good marks, the teacher replied: As they were educated well at the kindergarten before their entrance into school, I could teach the pupils easily from the outset.

Virtually the pupils of this class could prepare themselves for acquiring regular school education while receiving one-year preschool education at the kindergarten.

Of course, in the first days of their enrolment they were not accustomed to school life and failed to observe strictly discipline during lesson.

The teacher applied varied methods of instruction such as story telling and use of visual aid materials to suit the psychological features of the young pupils so that they could quickly get used to school life.

As a result they became gradually interested in school activities. The principal said that the pupils of the class, though enrolled at the age of 6, are doing as well at school as those who had been admitted at 7 before.

From the experience of this class, I once again deeply realized the correctness of the measure taken by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung in introducing the universal compulsory ten-year senior middle school education and the sagacity of his leadership.

Pak Jong Gu

AFTER SCHOOL

Electricity Study Group in Pyongyang Students and Children's Palace

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Future pillars of the country consolidate the knowledge they have already acquired (at the Pyongyang Students and Children's Palace)

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The Pyongyang Students and Children's Palace is a comprehensive extracurricular educational institution to enable the children and students to become builders of communism well prepared mentally, morally and physically and developed in an allround way, equipped with the Party's monolithic ideology. The palace has different study rooms, over 200 in all. The well-equipped electricity study room is one of them.

This room is provided with more than 1,000 electric machines and appliances and reverse-current relays of over 200 kinds and many visual aid materials to help students acquire first-hand knowledge of electricity. This room also has a small-sized working model of hydropower station of a kilowatt-hour.

The students use them to their hearts' content and through practice they consolidate the knowledge they have already gained.

Members of this group are middle school students in the city.

The term of operation of the group is one month and a half.

The group members study three times a week and three hours at a time under the guidance of instructors according to the concrete plan.

Over 10,000 students have been enrolled in this group so far.

When finishing the scheduled courses the students become able to handle small electric machines and appliances freely and repair and readjust them without others' help and they can even manufacture them.

Extracurricular activities of the students are also carried on through diversified study groups organized in many other palaces and all schools.

Thanks to the leader's prolound care for the education of the rising generation and our Party's *Juche*-oriented education policy of closely combining theory with practice and education with productive labour, our younger generation can further consolidate the knowledge acquired at schools and possess knowledge useful for the revolution and construction.

Cultivating Spirit of Industry

The members of the Korean Young Pioneers Corps are vigorously waging the "Midget Six-Year Plan" movement.

Through this movement they are helping in the socialist construction of the country, while cultivating the spirit of industry.

Conducting socio-political activities under the plan, they have raised more than 2,500,000 rabbits and created over 70,000 *chongbo* of "Young Pioneers Corps Forests" this year alone. They have also registered big successes in the movements for doing good things, such as cultivating castor-oil plants and hemp, collecting medicinal herbs and cleaning towns and villages.

They contributed 3,054 tractors through this movement as an expression of their loyalty to the fatherly Marshal Kim Il Sung.

The Korean Young Pioneers Corps members, reliable reserves of socialist and communist construction, are taking an active part in various activities beneficial to the country, society and revolution from early age.

Our Young Pioneers always faithful to the respected and beloved leader Marshal Kim Il Sung helped in the country's economic construction and defence upbuilding as much as they could through the "Midget Plan" movement and other movements for doing good things during the period of postwar rehabilitation and construction and the period of the socialist construction and rendered great services to the building of the country into a socialist industrial state.

Hundreds of Sonyon-ho (children) lorries and trains, "National Reunification Sonyon-ho" electric locomotives, Sonyon-ho cranes, bulldozers and excavators offered to the country through the "Midget Five-Year Plan" and "Midget Seven-Year Plan" movements and Sonyon-ho planes, tanks and warships "Celebrating the 20th Birthday of the Korean People's Army" clearly showed the great vitality of their movements.

Yun Yong Sun

There is train service available for school children even in remote village

Distance to Schools Shortened

For the children full 6 years old, who are beginning to attend school under the compulsory ten-year senior middle school education system, the network of schools is growing denser to make the distance to school as short as possible.

Especially for children in the mountain regions, steps were taken for them to attend school not far from their homes.

The fatherly leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has shown deep considerations for the problem of distance to school.

Nine years ago a branch of the Anchang middle school was set up for 15 students in Sijung county, Chagang Province.

One day in May 1962 children of village Sinmal, Anchang-ri were crossing the River Tokro-gang by a ferry boat to go to school in the *ri* seat some four km away.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung who was on his way to Unbong from Kanggye saw them. He was giving on-the-spot guidance to Chagang Province.

He was deeply concerned about them when he learned that these children had to cross the river to attend school. After asking them in detail where they were from and how many children were attending school and how far their school was from their village, he showed deep care for them. He gave instructions to set up a branch school at the village and make teachers cross the river and teach them.

Such considerations of the leader are endless to cite. A cosy school was built for seven children in Tujibawi village situated at a corner of State Farm No. 5 on the Paekdu Plateau called the roof of the country. A school was erected for 20 children in Pyosul-ri, Tosan county, North Hwanghae Province.

Schools are found in all populated areas, be it lumberjacks' village on Kaema Plateau or a solitary island in the sea.

The leader also sent trains and buses for children in remote villages.

A train is running for 13 children of forestry workers attending the Ryonhwa primary school, Huchang county, Ryanggang Province. A train is in the service for only 20 pupils in a remote village in Musan county, North Hamgyong Province.

They Become Able Technicians

The young people of from 16 to 30 years of age in our country are all graduates of middle schools and upwards. After receiving the benefit of the advanced educational system, they take up jobs and bring about innovations in production. They are growing up as competent socialist, communist builders, studying while working.

Half of the young workers in Pyongchon District, Pyongyang, have become engineers or assistant engineers. They have put forward more than 1,400 technical innovation proposals in the last two years. Over 800 of those proposals have been introduced into production, saving some 40,000 man-days of labour and bringing enormous profits to the country.

In the Pyongyang Thermal Power Plant more than 50 youths became engineers or assistant engineers last year. Entering this year 75 more youths have qualified themselves for engineers or assistant engineers. More than half of the youths of the plant are qualified technicians.

In the last two years the plant introduced into production more than 700 technical innovation proposals advanced by them with the result that the power supplies sharply increased and great quantities of coal were saved.

Thanks to the educational system of studying while on the job, 50 per cent of the lathe workteam members of the tool mechanization workshop at the March 30 Machine Plant attend college or higher technical school.

This year alone, the workteam made tens of kinds of technical innovations including the manufacture of a bite-welder scores of times more efficient and thus overfulfilled the yearly plan by 49 per cent already at the end of September.

Korean Children Are Happiest in the World, Foreigners Say

The Korean children are leading a happy life under the most superior socialist system established by the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

They grow up healthily at creches and kindergartens at state expense from their birth and prepare themselves to be reliable reserves of socialist and communist construction, receiving education under the universal ten-year compulsory senior middle school education system.

The children are called the "king" of the country.

The best and finest things are given first to them.

This is why foreign friends and guests who visit our country say in unison that the Korean children are the happiest in the world.

While inspecting the Pyongyang Students and Children's Palace, the delegation of the Japan Socialist Party was deeply impressed by the fact that our children are studying to their hearts' content according to their wishes and qualities and being trained to be men of new communist type excellent mentally, morally and physically, under the warm love of the respected and beloved leader Marshal Kim Il Sung.

After the inspection, head of the delegation Kozo Sasaki, former Chairman of the Central Executive Committee of the Japan Socialist Party and Member of the House of Representatives, said:

"Children are gifted with very fine talents. I got a new impression unimaginable in the capitalist country."

The Permanent Director and Director of the General Editorial Board of the Japanese publishing house "Iwanami" said after visiting the Pyongyang September 15 Week Creche:

"I toured many countries, but I have not yet seen such a fine creche. No country will be able to build better creche than this.

"Such creche can be built only under the great plan of His Excellency President Kim Il Sung who treasures the children most and gives the best and finest things first to them.

"This creche is the "heaven" and palace for the children in the true sense of the word. The children growing up here are the happiest in the world, all cheerful and sound."

Kang Bong Sik

South Korea:

Deteriorated Condition of Schooling

The fascist Pak Jung Hi villains pursued the anti-popular educational policy in south Korea under U.S. imperialist occupation. Owing to this policy more than three million children are left without any right to receive education. Besides, over 1.2 million primary school graduates are unable to go on to middle school.

These children either have to go begging from place to place or are subjected to harsh exploitation and oppression at factories by their wicked employers.

Even according to the watered-down figures released by the south Korean authorities, more than 3,200 children under working age are employed on jobs in Pusan and over 10,000, at the "Peace Market" in Seoul.

In Taejon, South Chungchong Province, more than 400 children under the age of 15 are pinched with hard labour, and about 300 under 10 are either shoeshine boys or gum pedlars. Countless is the number of those working as waiter.

Even those who are lucky enough to have entered school have to leave it halfway because their parents can not afford to bear heavy school expenses imposed by the fascist Pak Jung Hi clique. This is a common occurrence.

In the beginning of this year more than 16,000 students were expelled from middle and high schools in Pusan because they failed to pay "school impositions." In case of primary school the figure reaches 150,000-170,000 per annum in south Korea.

Though things have come to such a pass, the Pak Jung Hi clique keep school expenses running up year after year.

Tuition-fees at middle and high school, for instance, have shown an annual increase of 25 per cent since 1969 and "school imposition" at higher learning institution, 20 per cent since 1966.

This is a schoolroom in south Korea

Simultaneous UN-Entry Plot Is to Create Two Koreas

Prime Mover—U.S. Imperialism

As is known, in last June the Pak Jung Hi clique of south Korea made public the so-called "special statement on the foreign policy for peaceful unification" the tenor of which is a call for "simultaneous admission to the UN" of the north and south.

The U.S. imperialists are now knee-deep in a dastardly manoeuvre to get carried at the UN General Assembly session the Pak Jung Hi clique's proposal for simultaneous entry of two Koreas into the UN, aimed at keeping Korea perpetually split.

This is a criminal ruse to overrule the north-south joint statement which clearly indicated the way for Korea's independent and peaceful reunification, scuttle the north-south dialogue, create two Koreas and perpetuate the division of Korea.

The plot for creation of two Koreas is an outcome of the policy pursued by the U.S. imperialists for aggression on Korea, a policy based on the "Nixon doctrine". The U.S. imperialists are machinating to keep a national state divided for ever by their stock-in-trade method "divide and rule" and attain their aggressive ends in Korea and Asia with the mobilization of their puppets and satellites.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung said:

"The United States wants to take hold on south Korea for ever as a major stronghold to save its colonial ruling system which is going into total bankruptcy in Asia."

The U.S. imperialists who started skidding along a downhill path with defeat in their war of aggression in Korea have since then been battered in Indochina and are now in a serious crisis in all spheres, political, economic and military, and they are being chased out of this area.

The policy of the U.S. imperialists for aggression and war in Korea is also faced with the danger of bankruptcy.

South Korea has been converted into a colony and military base of U.S. imperialism, a prison without bars, a hellish land on earth owing to the outrageous colonial rule of U.S. imperialism enforced for nearly 30 years, especially to the military fascist rule of the Pak Jung Hi clique. The anti-U.S., anti-government sentiments of the people have reached the highest pitch and antagonism and dissension have grown acute within the south Korean ruling circles as never before.

The trend towards peaceful reunification which has risen rapidly in south Korea in recent years thanks to the efforts of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to reunify the country independently and peacefully has shaken to the very foundation the rule of the south Korean puppets banking on the U.S.-toeing line, "anti-communism" and fascist suppression.

On the other hand, the manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists who have tried to isolate the DPRK on the international arena and have used the UN as an instrument for their Korean aggression are going totally busted.

As already widely known to the world, the U.S. imperialists rigged up the south Korean puppet regime in 1948 under the name of the UN and, advertising it as "the only legitimate government" of Korea, they have resorted to all criminal intrigues to isolate and suffocate internationally the DPRK which represents the interests of the entire Korean people. They have opposed even the participation of the representative of the DPRK in the discussion of the Korean question and obdurately persisted in their scheme to ensure the perpetual occupation of south Korea by the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops wearing the "UN forces" helmets and maintain the existence of the "UNCURK", a tool for aggression.

All these machinations of U.S. imperialism, however, are now ending in a total fiasco and the international prestige and authority of the DPRK are rising greatly.

In particular, the fact that the DPRK was admitted to the World Health Organization, one of the UN agencies, with the unqualified support of the world peace-loving people has thrown a revealing searchlight on the falsity of the south Korean puppet regime set up under the signboard of the UN and endangered its existence itself.

Such being the situation, the U.S. imperialists are attempting to keep Korea divided forever and ward off the collapse of the puppet regime of south Korea and their colonial rule over it with a new trick for simultaneous entry of the north and the south into the UN so as to keep south Korea in their clutches as their colony and military base, as a major stronghold for their Asian aggression.

By so doing the U.S. imperialists try to achieve their aggressive ambition to occupy the whole of Korea by "making Koreans fight Koreans" and, furthermore, to dominate Asia. This criminal move can never be tolerated.

Kim Un Myong

Detached Force—Japanese Militarism

The Japanese militarists serve as foul agent and detached force in a "two-Korea" plot brewed by U.S. imperialism. It can be fully explained by the fact that the Japanese reactionary government, on the instructions of U.S. imperialism, is actively egging the Pak Jung Hi clique on to pursue "two-Korea policy".

On June 12 and 13, Japanese Prime Minister Tanaka, Foreign Minister Ohira and other high-ranking officials met Kim Jong Pil, south Korean "Prime Minister", who visited Japan on his way back from the tour of western Europe designed to advertise the "two-Korea policy". At the talks the Japanese side said, "South Korea is separated from Japan by a narrow strip of water", "We agree to the new measures in diplomatic relations and aid to south Korea", "We will spare no effort to cooperate with south Korea" and so on.

On June 23, 10 days later, Pak Jung Hi made public the notorious "special statement".

It is not accidental that the Japanese **Asahi Shimbun** commented: "This statement came after Kim Jong Pil's visit to Europe and Japan. At the talks with Japanese Prime Minister Tanaka, Foreign Minister Ohira and other officials Kim Jong Pil received impressions that there would be no other way but to change their policy toward the UN General Assembly this fall."

The Japanese rulers were the first to support the reactionary "two-Korea policy" by describing it as a "realistic and constructive policy". At a press conference on the day when the "special statement" was announced, Ohira stated: "Japan which has exchanged frank opinions with south Korea pays a tribute to the resolute measure of the south Korean government and welcomes it sincerely."

The Japanese militarists sided with the U.S. imperialists who try to make "two-Korea policy" a success and justify it at the UN and on the international arena in general.

On July 16 the Japanese authorities and Rogers, former U.S. Secretary of State, held talks in Tokyo and then shaped "UN strategy" aimed at "creation of two Koreas". At the Nixon-Tanaka talks in early August this strategy was reaffirmed and Japan promised to take on a role as "detached force" in putting it into practice.

In August the Japanese Foreign Ministry formally proclaimed the "UN strategy" his government policy and conducted crafty activities behind the scene to whip together accomplices in the U.S. imperialist plot on the eve of the UN General Assembly. The U.S. and Japanese aggressors then drafted "UN joint resolution" proposing for the "simultaneous admission of two Koreas to the UN" and "opposing withdrawal of the UN forces" and became co-sponsors in bringing it before the UN General Assembly.

In his speech at September 24 sitting of the UN General Assembly session U.S. Secretary of State Kissinger said that now is the time for north and south Korea to enter the United Nations as separate member states. The Japanese Foreign Minister was the first to support this criminal statement. At the 25th sitting he said: "Japan agrees to the proposal that north and south Korea enter the United Nations separately" and "the U.S. troops stationed in the ROK contribute to maintenance of peace in this region by discharging the responsibility for the defence of the armistice line."

These facts show patently that the Japanese militarists are a detached force faithful to the "two-Korea" plot of the U.S. imperialists.

Kim Byong Sam

Sophistry of South Korean Puppets

With the UN discussion of the Korean question approaching, the Pak Jung Hi clique in south Korea are carrying on a shameless and false propaganda on a larger scale to make it appear that the "simultaneous entry into the UN" of the north and the south does not freeze the split of Korea but constitutes the "only measure" for facilitating her reunification.

They prattle that the "simultaneous entry into the UN" will make it possible to establish the "relations based on mutual trust" between the north and the south now standing opposed to each other, "consolidate peace" in Korea and help toward the reunification.

This is a sophistry aimed to camouflage the U.S. and Japanese aggressors' manoeuvres for creation of two Koreas and their scheme for permanent division of Korea.

When they made a notorious "special statement" which proclaimed it their "policy" to pursue the line of splitting the nation, the Pak Jung Hi clique had a press interview to "explain the background". At the interview, they openly raved that it is now an international trend to "seek the maintenance of the status quo and coexistence" and that the "special statement" is designed to "follow the trend".

It is clear to everyone that the "status quo" on their lips is intended to maintain the present territorial division as it is and the "coexistence" is meant to live apart from each other.

As their treacherous nature seeking permanent national split has been revealed and they are met with the stern denunciation by the people and public circles of the world, the Pak Jung Hi clique speak a sheer nonsense that the "simultaneous entry into the UN" is a step for the reunification.

In this regard, they pretend to be interested in peace. They spread such a demagogy that the simultaneous admission to the UN is a guarantee for "preserving peace" in Korea.

The strained situation continues and the danger of war is not removed in Korea today. This is not because the north and the south have not entered the UN, but because the U.S. imperialists keep south Korea under their military occupation and instigate the Pak Jung Hi clique to the "showdown" and war preparations against the northern half.

The Government of our Republic resolutely called for the strict implementation of the three principles for independent and peaceful reunification, agreed upon by both sides in the north-south joint statement and advanced a reasonable five-point proposal to remove the present military confrontation between the north and the south and to conclude peace agreement between them, and it has exerted all sincere efforts for its early realization.

The Pak Jung Hi clique, under the instruction of the U.S. imperialists, talk about "maintenance of peace" through "simultaneous entry into the UN", overruling the north-south joint statement and stubbornly opposing our just proposals. It is a brazen-faced and ridiculous trick, indeed.

The "simultaneous admission" to the UN, which means dividing a single national state into two, will only create the source of constant tension and war, far from bringing about the easing of the situation.

Preservation and consolidation of peace in Korea can be expected only when the U.S. imperialist aggression forces are expelled from south Korea, the artificial division of the country is terminated and national reunification is achieved.

The south Korean authorities are at great pains to make the "simultaneous entry into the UN" of the north and the south a success, with impudent utterances and through despicable, mendicant diplomacy. Their true aim is clear, namely, to freeze the country's division and continuously ensure the colonial rule of the U.S. imperialists over south Korea and reinvasion of it by Japanese militarism and thus prop up their crumbling fascist rule and fulfil their ambition for long-term office under the protection of the masters.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung said:

"We are convinced that the peace-loving peoples the world over will never tolerate the insidious machination of the U.S. imperialists to use again the authority of the UN unreasonably for perpetuating the division of Korea."

The peace lovers throughout the world who value peace in Korea and Asia are extending more active support and encouragement to the just struggle of the Korean people to shatter the two-Korea plot of the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi clique and achieve the independent, peaceful reunification of the country.

The criminal scheme of the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi clique is sure to miscarry.

Li Jip

Cartoon by Son Chang Hak

Reckless War Provocation Manoeuvres

The U.S. Secretary of the Army flew into south Korea on October 22 and stayed there till the 25th. He had a war confab with the south Korean "defence minister" on the 23rd, saw by himself how war preparations were going on and inspected the units of the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops.

This furnishes us with a glaring proof that the U.S. imperialist aggressors are intent on new war provocation manoeuvres in south Korea as never before.

Earlier, Clements, U.S. Under Secretary of Defence, the Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of Defence for Logistics and Muccio, one of the men who ignited the Korean war, visited south Korea one after another and held a series of closed-door talks with the brass hats there.

It is well known to the public that the tension ran higher in Korea and the spur was applied to the preparations for a new war provocation, whenever bigwigs of the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops came to south Korea and inspected the front-line area and the units of their troops.

War preparations have been stepped up in south Korea more frantically than ever, timed to the frequent visits of the war maniacs of U.S. imperialism to south Korea.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung said:

"They are scheming to perpetuate the division of the nation and exerting all efforts to reinforce their military strength, putting up the signboard of 'peaceful reunification' on the one hand and, on the other, openly clamouring for 'confrontation with dialogue', 'competition with dialogue' and 'coexistence with dialogue'."

A "military parade" was held in Youido square on October 1. In his speech delivered on the occasion, traitor Pak Jung Hi dwelt on the need to "develop weapon" and "reorganize the ROK army" so as to wage a "war in the future." Simultaneously with this, the reptile trumpeters in south Korea blew war trumpet hard. They alleged that "taegukki (south Korean flag—Ed.) should be hoisted atop Mt. Paekdu-san."

The powder-reeking statement of traitor Pak Jung Hi was followed by a balderdash of the "defence minister". At an "inaugural ceremony for vice-minister of defence" he clamoured for "pushing ahead with modernization of the ROK army and fostering the defence industry and for "increasing combat capacity".

At a "meeting of naval commanding officers" he raved that "active measures should be taken to keep everyone on alert" and that all be "fully ready for action".

Meanwhile, the "22nd civilian anti-air raid exercises" were staged in all parts of south Korea on October 15.

Facts tell us graphically that the advertisement of the peaceful reunification by the Pak Jung Hi clique is a downright trickery and that they have been openly machinating to build up 'strength' under the cloak of dialogue and realize their wild designs to attain "unification by prevailing over communism".

Nowadays the bellicose elements in south Korea held the so-called "opening ceremony for the prevail-over-communism hall" in the units of "ROK army" and are now inculcating the anti-communist idea upon the men of "ROK army" and the civilian population through propaganda full of lie and deceit. This well shows how far they have gone in their fantastic scheme to attain "unification by prevailing over communism".

Now, they are talking nonsense in an effort to make one believe that the resistance war of the Arab people against the Israeli aggressors was motivated by the "communist agitation" and are raving about a "threat of southward invasion".

Their aim in this campaign is to justify the war preparations they have been stepping up.

But, it is foolish of them to do.

Today the world people have keenly realized in the course of the north-south dialogue that the south Korean bellicose elements are none other than the war maniacs who are opposed to the peaceful reunification and seeking to unleash another war.

The U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi clique must behave themselves discreetly, deeply conscious of the consequences which will be brought about by their reckless criminal act—the frantic manoeuvres to trigger off a new war.

Li Yong Suk

Dangerous Moves

The great revolutionary leader Comrade Kim Il Sung said:

"The reactionary U.S.-Japan alignment for Asian aggression has been strengthened.... The conspiracy and collaboration between the U.S. imperialists and the Japanese militarists constitutes a greater threat because U.S. imperialism is directing the spearhead of aggression toward Asia, using Japan as a base."

The nuclear-powered attack aircraft carrier "Midway" of the 7th Fleet of the U.S. imperialist armed forces of aggression and many other war vessels have recently entered Japanese port Yokosuka one after another, according to a report, and earlier, the fighter-bomber groups of U.S. imperialist air force which perpetrated atrocious genocide in the aggressive war of Indochina for years, based on Thailand, were moved closer to Korea, to Iwakuni base in the western area of Japan.

The deployment of another aggressive armed forces in Japan by U.S. imperialism is prompted by a blackhearted ulterior motive to check the growth of the revolutionary forces in Asia by arms and put into effect the Asian strategy at any cost.

In particular, what the U.S. imperialists are driving at in their recent move to make the Japanese port one of their bases for nuclear-powered aircraft carrier is beyond doubt to strengthen the U.S.-Japan aggressive military alliance—an important means for their Asian strategy, accelerate the conversion of Japan into an aggressive base and enhance the role of the Japanese militarists in joint operations for Asian aggression.

Another important aim the U.S. imperialists are pursuing in deploying big aggressive forces in Japan is to maintain their crumbling colonial rule over south Korea by force of arms with Japan as an advance base and instigate bellicose elements in south Korea to perpetuate the split of Korea and create two Koreas and, further, ignite an aggressive war against the northern half of our Republic at any time.

It is the reactionary ruling circle of Japan who have joined hands with the U.S. imperialists more zealously than anyone else in their criminal manoeuvres to keep the colonial rule over south Korea and other parts of Asia using Japan as a base.

The word "independence" is often on the lips of the Japanese rulers, but they actually persist in the U.S.-toeing policy and put the whole territory of Japan at the disposal of U.S. imperialism. They are foolishly scheming to realize their aggressive ambition for reinvasion of our country and other parts of Asia in return for a more active role to be played by them as a "shock force" in the Asian strategy of U.S. imperialism.

In fact, the Japanese militarists are now mass-producing lethal weapons and war goods and steadily reinforcing the aggressive forces for overseas invasion at the active instigation of U.S. imperialism.

Such an adventurous manoeuvre of the U.S. and Japanese imperialists is nothing but a foolhardy action of those who have failed to look at the changed situation squarely.

Today the Korean people and other Asian people follow with high vigilance the dangerous moves made by the U.S. and Japanese reactionaries in mutual conspiracy and collaboration.

The U.S. imperialists must draw serious lessons from the ignominious defeat they suffered in the Korean war and aggressive war in Indochina and must stop new war provocation manoeuvres at once and quit south Korea, Japan and other areas of Asia immediately, taking with them their aggressive armed forces back to their den.

The U.S. imperialists must know clearly that if they continue to play with fire despite of the unanimous protest and condemnation on the part of the Korean, Japanese and other Asian peoples, they will sustain more crushing defeat than before.

Chin Bang Hun

Iran: Taking the Path of Autonomous Development

Being a country with a long history and culture, Iran is noted for its rich petroleum resources. For many years the Iranian people have waged a resolute struggle against vicious plundering of oil by imperialists.

Some time ago Mohammad-Reza Pahlavi, Emperor of Iran, sternly declared that he had no intention to extend the term of the agreement (which is to expire in 1979) with the "international oil consortium" made up of big oil monopolies of the United States, Britain, France and Holland for the reason that the imperialist oil monopolies have infringed upon the interests of Iran and violated the agreement concluded with the Iranian government.

How wantonly this consortium has encroached upon the interests of the Iranian people can be clearly seen from the fact that it took away 240,500,000 tons of petroleum out of the total production in 1971—263,400,000 tons.

The decision of the Iranian government not to extend the term of the agreement concluded with the imperialist marauder is a most just step for defending the national rights and interests and ensuring autonomous development of the country.

Iran has taken a series of measures to put under its control the petroleum industry which was in the hands of Western monopolies.

The government and people of Iran also promote the development of the national economy through extensive exploitation of natural wealth such as iron ore, coal, copper and manganese.

During the Fourth Five-Year Plan of Economic Development which ended last year, a number of heavy industry factories including metallurgical and machine-building factories came into being. Active measures were also taken for agricultural growth, with a result that the output of farm produce increased year after year. The wheat harvest reached 4,100,000 tons last year.

The Iranian people are working hard to successfully carry out the Fifth Five-Year Plan of Economic Development which started this year. During the current plan the government of Iran will appropriate altogether 32,200,000,000 dollars for the economic development.

The Korean people heartily rejoice over the successes made by the Iranians in their struggle to create a new life.

Despite the geographical distance that separates Korea and Iran, they are closely bound together for the community of their aspiration for autonomous development against imperialism. Especially, the establishment of diplomatic relations between Korea and Iran in April this year was of epochal significance in further consolidating and developing the relations of friendship and cooperation between the two peoples.

The government and people of Iran express sympathy with and support for the Korean people struggling for the independent, peaceful reunification of their fatherland.

We Korean people are convinced that the Iranian people will make greater success in their struggle for prosperity of the country.

Kim So Yol

Final Victory Belongs to Courageous Cambodian People

The 20th anniversary of independence of Cambodia falls on November 9. The heroic Cambodian people mark this day against a background of vigorous armed struggle for liberation, independence, peace and neutrality of the country.

On this occasion, the Korean people extend warm congratulations and militant greetings to the fraternal Cambodian people.

Since independence the Cambodian people have achieved big successes in their struggle to build a new, prosperous Cambodia under the correct leadership of their outstanding leader Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, Head of State of Cambodia, holding aloft the banner of anti-imperialism and independence.

But owing to the reactionary military coup staged by the U.S. imperialists and the traitorous Lon Nol clique in March 1970, the peaceful labour of the Cambodian people for the building of a new life was interrupted and the people came to suffer misfortunes and hardships.

At this crucial juncture, the Cambodian patriots and people turned out in the anti-U.S., national salvation resistance war, upholding the five-point statement of Samdech Norodom Sihanouk made public on March 23, 1970.

Over the past three years, the Cambodian people and their revolutionary armed forces carried on a heroic resistance war, inflicted heavy blows, military and political, on the U.S. imperialists and the Lon Nol puppet clique, and attained shining victories, bringing the enemies to their doom.

The Cambodian people are now launching encircling operations on Phnom Penh, enemy's last stronghold, with the day of ultimate victory at hand.

Thanks to their heroic struggle, 90 per cent of the whole territory and more than 5.5 million population have already been liberated and people's power organs set up in the liberated areas. The liberated areas have further been consolidated politically, economically and militarily and turned into a reliable rearbase.

In the thick of struggle the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia led by the National United Front of Kampuchea was established.

For its just cause the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia is enlisting support not only from the people at home but also from the people of many countries and, as the only legitimate government of the Cambodian people, its international position and prestige are rising with each passing day.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung said:

"The Korean people regard the ever greater successes which the patriotic Cambodian people are gaining in the struggle against U.S. aggression and for national salvation as their own, and will, in the future, too, continue to actively support and encourage their just struggle with might and main."

In the future, too, the Korean people will render positive support and encouragement, material and moral, to the anti-U.S., national-salvation struggle of the fraternal Cambodian people.

In Cambodia the U.S. imperialists and their stooges are making desperate efforts to save themselves from final doom at any cost.

No matter what crafty and vicious manoeuvres they may resort to, the enemy, however, cannot break the indomitable will of the Cambodian people who have risen in the righteous national-salvation resistance war.

The Cambodian people will finally sweep away the traitorous Lon Nol clique, achieve the complete liberation of their country and build a new Cambodia, independent, peaceful, anti-imperialist and popular, with Samdech Norodom Sihanouk as Head of State.

Han Dok Yon

Friendship Visits

☆ A delegation of the Italian Communist Party headed by Emanuele Macaluso, Member of the Political Bureau of the CC of the Italian Communist Party, Member of its Directorate and Deputy to the Parliament, arrived in Pyongyang on October 26 by air to visit our country at the invitation of the CC of the Workers' Party of Korea.

☆ A Chinese scientific and technical cooperation delegation headed by Sun Hsiao-feng, Chairman of the Chinese side to the Korea-China Committee for Scientific and Technical Cooperation and Vice-Minister of Fuel and Chemical Industries of the People's Republic of China, arrived in Pyongyang on October 19 by train.

☆ A Chinese architects delegation headed by Liu Yi-hsin, permanent council member of the Chinese Architectural Association, arrived in Pyongyang on October 19 by train at the invitation of the CC of the Korean Architects Union.

☆ The Song and Dance Ensemble of the Bulgarian People's Army headed by Major General Gerkov Stoyan, Deputy Director of the General Political Bureau of the Bulgarian People's Army, arrived in Pyongyang on October 23 by air for a visit to our country.

☆ A delegation of the Japan "Society for the Study of the Works of President Kim Il Sung" headed by Masao Fukushima; a Cuban architects delegation; a Cuban journalists delegation headed by Ignacio Rodriguez, Secretary of Las Villas Province of the Cuban Journalists Union; Fadil Abid and Hisham Assad, reporters of the Arabs Gulf Information Organization and the soccer team of the "Dimitrovgrad" Sports Friendship Association of Bulgaria, left here on October 23 by air.

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